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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING REFUNDS OF  
UNUSED POSTAGE

**STATUS INQUIRY - NEW PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

More than 17 months have passed since the filing of the above-identified patent application on December 18, 2003. No Communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Therefore, applicant wishes to inquire as to the present status of the above-identified pending patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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